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Case No. 8864/29

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Griffith D. Neal, et al.

Serial No: 10/001,692

Examiner: Robert S. Tupper

Filed: October 25, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2652

For: ENCAPSULATED MINIATURE
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated December 5, 2003 for a period of 3 month(s).

- Applicant is:
 - a small entity, verified statement is:
 - attached
 - already filed

other than small entity

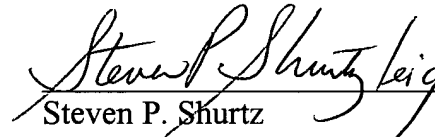
	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a credit card charge authorization for \$475 for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 5, 2004


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